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Colonel General Ivan Gosnjak was born in Ogulin in 1909. He has been a member of the Yugoslav Communist Party since 1933. He went to the USSR in 1935 by order of the Party, and from 1937 to 1939 participated in the Spanish Civil War. After the defeat of the Spanish Republican Army, he spent 2 years and 9 months in French concentration camps, from which he escaped in 1941.

Upon his return to Yugoslavia, he participated in the People's Uprising and helped organize the People's Army of Liberation in Croatia. During the People's War of Liberation he was commanding officer of the First Croatian Corps of the People's Army of Liberation of Yugoslavia and later commanding officer of the Headquarters of the People's Army of Liberation and of the PO unidentified of Croatia. At present he holds the post of Acting Minister of National Defense. He is a member of the Politburo of the Central Committee of the Yugoslav Communist Party.

Peko Dapcevic

Colonel General Peko Dapcevic was born in 1913 in Ljubotin, Cetinje Srer, Montenegro. Before the war he was a law student. When the Spanish Civil War broke out, he went to Spain as a member of the Yugoslav Communist Party and became a captain in the Spanish National Army. He was wounded three times.

After the Spanish Civil War ended, he was confined in French concentration camps, from which he and other Spanish fighters escaped and returned to Yugoslavia.

After his return he organized the People's Uprising in Montenegro. In 1941 he was the commanding officer of the Lovcan Partisan Section and a member of the Montenegro and Boka Headquarters. During the War of Liberation he held the posts

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of commanding officer of the Fourth Proletarian Brigade, of the Second Proletarian Division, of the Second Corps of the People's Army of Liberation of Yugoslavia, and of units in Montenegro, the Sandjak, and Hercegovina.

After the war he was commanding officer of the Fourth Army. At present he is acting chief of Staff of the Yugoslav Army.

He is a member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Montenegro and plenipotentiary of the Central Committee of the Yugoslav Communist Party to the Yugoslav Army.

Koca Popovic

Colonel General Koca Popovic was born in Belgrade in 1908. He joined the Yugoslav Communist Party in 1937, and was active in the Belgrade Party organization until 1937.

In July 1937 he went to Spain. At the end of the same year he was promoted to first lieutenant in the Spanish Republican Army, in which he commanded an artillery battalion. He returned to Yugoslavia in 1939 and resumed his activities in the Belgrade Party organization.

During the war, he was the commanding officer of the Kosmaj and Posava-Tamnava Partisan sections of the First Proletarian Brigade; later of the First Proletarian Division, of the First Proletarian Corps, of the People's Army of Liberation of Serbia, and finally of the Second Army. At present he is chief of staff of the Yugoslav Army.

He is a member of the Central Committee of the Serbian Communist Party and plenipotentiary of the Central Committee of the Yugoslav Communist Party to the Yugoslav Army.

Otmir Kreacic

General Lajtnant Otmir Kreacic was born in 1913 in Bugojno. Since 1935 he has been politically and culturally active in the URRS (unidentified) unions. In 1937, he went to Spain and remained there until 1939 as a fighter in the International Brigade. Until 1941 he and other fighters of the International Brigade were in French concentration camps.

In 1941 he and other Spanish fighters illegally entered Yugoslavia on orders from the Yugoslav Communist Party, which by this time had organized the People's uprising in all parts of Yugoslavia. From 1941 to 1943 he was active in the Agitprop of the Central Committee of the Croatian Communist Party. In February 1944 he became political commissar of the 12th Shock Division, and in July of the same year political commissar of the VI Corps of the People's Army of Liberation of Yugoslavia, which post he held until the end of the war.

From 1945 to 1948 he was acting chief of the Main Political Administration of the Yugoslav Army.

At present he is chief of the Main Political Administration of the Yugoslav Army. He joined the Yugoslav Communist Party in 1937. Now, he is a member of the Central Committee of the Croatian Communist Party as well as acting chief plenipotentiary of the Central Committee of the Yugoslav Communist Party to the Yugoslav Army.

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